

MADISON RIVER TELEPHONE COMPANY, LLC
Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 (Access Service)

Description and Justification

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If approved, this filing will create a new interstate traffic sensitive access tariff, Madison River Telephone Company, LLC F.C.C. Tariff No. 1 (MRTC Tariff No. 1). Gallatin River Communications, LLC (GRC), and Gulf Telephone Company (GTC) will be the issuing carriers of the new tariff. GRC Tariff No. 1 and GTC Tariff No. 1 will be cancelled in their entirety concurrent with the effective date of MRTC Tariff No. 1.

The rates and regulations of the new tariff are identical to the tariffs being replaced. GRC Tariff No. 1 and GTC Tariff No. 1 referenced the National Exchange Carrier Tariff No. 4 (NECA Tariff No. 4) for all regulations, and for Common Line Rates. MRTC Tariff No. 1 incorporates all of the regulations of NECA Tariff No. 4, and continues to reference the Common Line and End User Common Line Rates of that tariff. The only changes from the preceding tariffs are to incorporate the rates and regulations into a single tariff, eliminate blank pages and renumber sections consecutively. The NECA tariff also includes references to other companies that are unrelated to GRC and GTC. These references were not incorporated in the MRTC tariff.

The MRTC tariff is being filed to meet the requirements of Special Permission Number 00-0042 granted to GRC and GTC June 15, 2000. The Special Permission allowed GRC and GTC to reference the NECA Tariff for regulations, but required the companies to file their own tariff regulations within 6 months.

Rule Waivers

- (1) GTC and GRC were granted a six month waiver of Section 61.54 (i) and 61.74 in Special Permission No. 00-0042 dated June 15, 2000. The companies requested, and were granted an additional 7 days to allow application of the special permissions requested below, and for filing of the tariff.
- (2) Waiver of Section 61.52(b) was requested in order to file a consolidated tariff on behalf of Gallatin River Communications, LLC (GRC) and Gulf Telephone Company (GTC). In lieu of the requirements of the waived rules, the name and address of each issuing carrier are set forth in full on the title pages of MRTC Tariff No. 1.
- (3) Waiver of Sections 61.54(c)(4) and 61.54(i)(1) was requested to allow MRTC Tariff No. 1 to be filed without the required footnotes on material relocated without change and to eliminate the associated symbolization requirements.
- (4) Waiver of section 61.58 was requested to permit MRTC Tariff No. 1 to become effective on not less than one day's notice. In this regard, it should be noted that the rates and charges contained in MRTC Tariff No. 1 are identical to those currently found in GRC and GTC Tariffs, and the regulations are identical to those currently found in NECA Tariff No. 5, except for minor textual changes necessary to reflect the revised page numbers, ensure consistent section headings and references, and ensure that the Table of Contents conforms with the body of the tariff. A waiver of section 61.58 was also requested to allow GRC and GTC to issue Supplement No. 1 canceling their respective access tariffs in their entirety concurrent with the effective date of MRTC Tariff No. 1.
- (5) Waiver of Sections 61.54(i)(3) and 61.59 was requested to allow tariff material that may not be in effect for 30 days to be incorporated into MRTC Tariff No. 1 without the required footnotes and symbolization. There have been no recent changes to the GRC or GTC tariffs. The NECA tariff, which these carriers referenced, filed Updated Base Document for Tariff F.C.C. No. 5, Access Service, to include all tariff changes that became effective as of December 1, 2000 with a transmittal letter dated December 6, 2000. All pertinent changes to the NECA tariff have become effective prior to this filing.
- (6) Waiver of Section 61.74 was requested to allow the carriers to continue to reference NECA Tariff 5 for the Carrier Common Line and End User Common Line Rates.

The waivers were granted with special permission no. 00-0121.

Differences from Current Ruling Tariff:

The list below describes minor differences between MRTC's tariff, NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5 (Access Service), and the Access Service Tariffs of GRC and GTC:

- MRTC's tariff numbers all pages before tariff section 1 consecutively.
- MRTC's tariff includes the list of Issuing carriers on the Title page.
- MRTC's tariff does not contain an index or user's guide.
- Section 14 of NECA's tariff contains exceptions to Access Service Offerings. MRTC's tariff has reserved this section for future use. If MRTC wishes to make any exceptions to its reference to NECA's tariff in the future, exceptions will be listed here.
- Section 17 of NECA's tariff, and the previous tariff of GRC and GTC contain rates. MRTC's Section 17 contains the rates of GRC. Section 18 contains the rates of GTC.

Application & Coverage:

This tariff governs the provision by GRC and GTC of interstate switched access, special access and Miscellaneous Services. GRC and GTC will continue to bill both interstate end user common line and carrier common line services out of the NECA tariff F.C.C. No. 5 (Access Service) and participate in the NECA common line pools.